

IN THE CLAIMS

1 Claim 1 (Currently Amended) In combination:

a motorized vehicle; and

a shear, comprising:

5 an upper jaw having forward and rearward end portions, upper and lower side portions, and a cutting edge formed at least partially along said lower side portion;

10 a lower jaw having forward and rearward end portions and an upper edge portion; said rearward end portion of said lower jaw being operatively pivotably coupled to the rearward end portion of said upper jaw so that said shear may be selectively moved between open and closed positions; said lower jaw being comprised of first and second side members that are laterally spaced from one another to define an opening in the upper edge portion of said lower jaw that is shaped and sized to receive at least a portion of the cutting edge of said upper jaw when said
15 shear is in said closed position;

at least one actuator operatively coupled with said upper and lower jaws to selectively move said shear between said open and closed positions;

20 at least one tooth extending generally upwardly from only one of the first side member or the second side member of said lower jaw, adjacent said upper edge portion, to engage one or more objects disposed between said upper and lower jaws when said shear is moved from said open position toward said closed position; and

a mounting bracket operatively coupling said shear with said motorized vehicle.

1 Claim 2 (Cancelled)

 Claim 3 (Cancelled)

 Claim 4 (Currently Amended) The combination of claim 13 wherein said at least
5 one tooth is comprised of ~~comprising~~ a plurality of teeth extending generally upwardly
from said lower jaw, adjacent said upper edge portion to engage said one or more
objects disposed between said upper and lower jaws and substantially limit relative
movement between said lower jaw and said one or more objects when said shear is
moved from said open position toward said closed position.

10 Claim 5 (Cancelled)

 Claim 6 (Original) The combination of claim 4 wherein said plurality of teeth are
shaped to have engagement points for at least partially piercing said one or more
objects.

15 Claim 7 (Original) The combination of claim 6 wherein the engagement points of
said plurality of teeth are positioned to face generally upwardly and rearwardly from said
lower jaw.

 Claim 8 (Original) The combination of claim 1 wherein said shear is operatively
20 coupled to said mounting bracket so that said shear may be selectively pivoted about a
rotational axis that extends generally perpendicularly from said mounting bracket.

 Claim 9 (Original) The combination of claim 8 further comprising at least one
actuator operatively coupled to said shear to selectively pivot said shear about said
rotational axis.

1 Claim 10 (Currently Amended) The combination of claim 8 wherein said at least
2 one tooth is comprised of ~~comprising~~ a plurality of teeth extending generally upwardly
3 from said lower jaw, adjacent said upper edge portion, to engage said one or more
4 objects disposed between said upper and lower jaws and substantially limit relative
5 movement between said lower jaw and said one or more objects when said shear is
6 moved from said open position toward said closed position.

7 Claim 11 (Cancelled)

8 Claim 12 (Cancelled)

9 Claim 13 (New) A method of using the combination of claim 8 to fell a tree,
10 comprising the steps of:

11 (a) positioning said shear to be generally horizontal and so that said upper
12 jaw may be moved to said closed position in a right-to-left manner;

13 (b) maneuvering said motorized vehicle so that said shear is positioned
14 closely adjacent the tree, such that the tree is positioned at least partially between said
15 upper jaw and said lower jaw; and

16 (c) operating said at least one actuator so that said shear is moved from said
17 open position to said closed position, such that the tree is at least partially cut by said
18 shear.
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